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LABOR IS AWAKENING!

Three of the political resolutions passed by the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor.

Whereas, The capitalistic system of production creates two antagonistic classes with necessarily conflicting interests, viz., a small exploiting class and a large exploited class, although the capitalist class has always tried to hide the fact of the class struggle; and

Whereas, The Trades Union Movement of America is the expression of the class struggle of the American wage worker upon the economic field, and any attempt to hide the class struggle is necessarily an attempt to mislead labor; and

Whereas, The union men of America expect the Trades Union leaders to be leaders in the class struggle, and rather to point out than to hide the shortcomings and failings of the present capitalistic system; and

Whereas, Certain prominent officials in the labor movement are in close connection with Mark Hanna, over Cleveland, and the Civic Federation, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor assembled, hereby emphatically oppose, as seriously mistaken tactics, any alliance of prominent labor leaders with the most prominent representatives of American capitalism.

Whereas, It has come to pass that there has risen in the ranks of the capitalists a man strong enough to force organized capital to turn toward labor its true visage of hate and rapacity, and

Whereas, Such attitude tears the mask of hypocritical friendship

solely without humanity, and the Engineers' brotherhood is well rid of him.

Why do the vulgar rich hold horse shows, at which the main exhibition is the costly rags with which the women cover up a small portion of their flabby flesh? Why do they hold charity balls and all that sort of thing at which the very thought of democracy is banished? There is only one explanation: The vulgar rich have achieved an economic victory over their brothers and sisters of the earth. They can only fittingly celebrate that victory by these vulgar exhibitions. To thoroughly enjoy their plunder they must draw upon themselves the envious yet submissive eyes of their victims. It is a low trait of human nature, a trait which the predatory nature of capitalism fosters, but it exists, and it makes no difference in what part of the earth a certain percentage of the people become the victors in the spoliation of the workers, they forthwith consider themselves "quality" and itch to make a vulgar display of themselves. The spirit is the same, whether it be at Monte Carlo, Newport, Saratoga—or charity balls or horse shows. There is only one reason why poor people should get inside the second class admission gates of a horse show—to see what the rich are doing with the wealth they rob from the workers.

The teachers of Wisconsin have at last come to their senses and will make a careful investigation of the question of wages. Now why have they not done this before? They have been shamefully underpaid. Quite isn't it, that human nature loves to stumble about and lose time before doing the things it should do, simply because a spirit of conservatism makes us afraid of offending some invisible somebody or some imaginary, unwritten law. We have a two-fold reason for approving the action now planned by the teachers. We want to see them get living wages for their own sakes, and we want them to come in actual contact with the problem of wages for the good it will do them as teachers. An investigation of the question will show them what it showed Margaret Fisher, that they are part of the proletariat—the wage-working army of this country and that they must regard trade unionism and the forces making for industrial emancipation with sympathy and support.

One of the worst foxes that ever plagued Labor died the other day. He has only to read the fulsome entries in the editorial pages of the capitalist dailies of the land to understand the place that P. M. Arthur, of the Railway Engineers, occupied. Arthur was a capitalist, very wealthy, and ruled the underworld absolutely in the interests of the railroads. It was with his organization as with the other democratic railway brotherhoods, the Firemen and the Conductors, a man picked up by the owners of the roads could hold the highest position in it. For it is in this way that the railroads hold the key to the labor situation on their lines. Every one of the men in the railway service against had conditions or for some of the magnates who hold the positions in the three railroads we have specified. As such, he was a man who had the hypocritical smile had as the capitalist developed. He was a selfish soul, ab-

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The aim of all human ambition is, or ought to be, the common welfare of all alike, not the success of individuals here and there while the masses are even worse off because of those individual successes.

The ear of the Socialist is so attuned to the actual situation that he hears every groan, every despairing cry of the capitalist-cursed people. And every such cry spurs him on to harder effort to bring about brotherhood on earth.

Milwaukee has been having a horse show. Buckle down to your tasks, you wage slaves, make as much wealth for your masters as you can, for they will feel poorer now and will be more rapacious than ever!

To allow the few capitalists to extract wealth from the great store which society makes possible, is to allow them to take what they can not by their own managerial activity alone possibly call into being. The capitalist has got to have society to work on in order to carry on his profit hunt. The Socialists mean that society shall keep its own.

The Rev. Kellogg of Maltby, Washington, who was flooded by the Socialists in debate recently, is one of those religious contortionists who can stand on his head and read the Bible to suit all the purposes of capitalist greed. He claims that Jesus said that God had purposely made an unequal distribution of property in the world! We will let the reader who believes that there is a divine justice decide whether Kellogg is a liar or not!

A disgraceful attempt to besmirch the American Labor Union Journal of Butte, Mont., in order to break down the strength of Socialism in that city, has been made by paid agents of Senator Clarke, and the air is full of music not to the liking of the plutocrats. President McDonald of the American Labor Union promptly exposed the falsity of the charge of being in collusion with the Amalgamated Copper Co. (the Heinze crowd), and the Socialists have simply gained added sympathy on the part of the people.

In the city of Milwaukee last week a big department store which reopened with a slaughter of fire bargains after a big fire, so blockaded the streets with people elbowing each other to get in first that a squad of policemen had to be sent to help the store preserve something like order. People who passed by that way had to walk in the street for nearly a block. In Minneapolis two weeks ago two self-sacrificing Socialists gave a street talk explaining to the people how Socialism would save them from capitalism and suicide, the police arrested them "for blocking the streets," although the streets were not blockaded at all. Don't you see it? Don't you see it just a little! Doesn't the light begin to filter in just a little into that too long stupid head of yours? The rich are in possession of our government and under the rule of the rich the rich can do no wrong, but the jails fairly yawn after the poor. You are a good citizen or a bad citizen according to the number of dollars you have in your jeans!

YOU ARE GETTING JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN VOTING FOR!

One of the most impudent specimens of capitalist judicial prostitution that has ever come to our notice is the injunction issued against the Beloit, Wis., striking machinists by Judge Dunwidde last Saturday. It shuts them up so tight they can hardly wink without running the risk of arrest. They are forbidden to publish their side in the press, to even circulate papers that refer to their strike. What is their duty under this capitalist outrage?

It ought to be the attitude of the people of this country to respect good laws and to repudiate bad ones. To venerate laws that enslave or outrage the rights of citizenship is to go backward. The actors in the celebrated Boston tea party were clearly law breakers. Yet history holds them up to public acclaim. Our advice to the strikers of Beloit and to any other strikers against whom the capitalistic weapon of anti-labor injunction is pointed, would be to ignore it, to become martyrs to the cause of labor's rights. They will not be the first to go to prison for a principle and in the interests of their class throughout the world's history—for men have even laid down their lives for principle. Give up your superstitious reverence for everything that comes from the courts. They have no arbitrary right to rule. If the early trade unions had recognized the law (administered in the interests of capitalism then as now) there would be no trade union movement today!

The Craftsman, of Canton, Ohio, has opened a Socialist department

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True family life, true family purity, will only be possible when Socialism has been inaugurated.

Bryan paid a flying visit to Milwaukee last week to buy a pair of spirited and high priced matched horses. Bryan does not seem to be troubled for free silver these days.

Chauncey Depew would better be a little careful when he says that it is the farmers' sons who become the criminals. The farmers are a considerable portion of the community in these United States and may take it upon themselves to reply to the slander by retiring Chauncey and others of his parasitic class to private life.

There can be no universal morality in the concrete. Every moral philosophy is, therefore, valid only for the sphere of civilization from which it springs, whether it is conscious of the fact or not.—Prof. Friedrich Paulsen, in his "System of Ethics."

It is about time that miserable lie that history is made by "great" men was tossed back into the lumber room. The laws underlying society do not work that way. "Great" men simply voice the feeling of their time and therefore get a hearing. But capitalism likes to play the "great" man racket, so as to harness the people to men instead of to ideas. The written history of the world is far from being history.

The Wisconsin teachers are making an investigation into wages and the cost of living. And the papers say that there are some members of the teachers' association who hold that the wages and hours question has no place in their organization. Of course not! O, no! The school system might have to ask for too much from the treasuries of the state and that would leave less for the boddle gang that infests legislation in this as in all states of the nation. Those objectors are capitalist politicians, or tools of politicians, nothing more, nothing less.

Socialism, as a general term, has reference to the fact that society is not a mere bunching together of individuals, but that it is an organism, an organized being, so to speak. Socialism, as a more precise term, refers to the common ownership and control by the people of the production of things needed by the people, the abolition of the individual or corporation capitalist and the competitive wage system. This latter Socialism is best described by the term, Social Democracy. Social Democracy is Socialism, but Socialism is not necessarily Social Democracy. Even the single tax is a form of Socialism, but it certainly is not Social Democracy. A careful attention to these distinctions will save much confused thinking.

When we started up our fund to send this paper to trade union secretaries, we did so with a well formed purpose. Anyone who has kept track of The Herald lately can see that its appeal has been often made with peculiar fitness to the trade unionist who is still in bondage to capitalistic notions. This paper can say things that it could not be put into print by trade unionists who have trade unionism at heart. Our comrades will do well to support us in the undertaking. Trade unionism in this country will never be a vital force until it gets over the prejudice against using its most potent weapon, the ballot.

Roosevelt has been sending official cablegrams to Rome to learn the condition of the pope, followed by a message of condolence, and the question has been raised in Washington as to whether this government now recognizes the papacy. When Pius IX. died in 1878 the president and secretary of state took no official notice of the event. This change in the attitude of the rulers of this country is well understood by the student of social science. Capitalism recognizes a conservative force in the Catholic church to which it may have to turn for succor when the rise of democracy and Socialism becomes actually alarming. Roosevelt, as a representative of capitalism, knows this, and his action only marks the changed relation that exists between plutocracy and the spiritual ruler of vast numbers of poor people. Moreover the church is laying up vast treasures on earth, in short it has become a great capitalist. Hence the fellow feeling

The battle for Socialism is fought with literature. We can supply you with ammunition.

"Prisoners, Paupers, Prostitutes, and Parasites," is the title of a propaganda leaflet issued by some comrades in Chicago that is well calculated to open the eyes of the reader.

The speculative, capitalistic method of production is wickedly wasteful of the energies of the people. Work for work's sake is immoral and plunges the less fortunate members of the human family into a soul crushing drudgery that makes final death a blessed relief.

Don't let a Socialist paper go to sleep. Keep it working. If you are through with your copy see that it gets into the hands of a neighbor or a shop mate. Clip out short articles that you think will reach the reason of your friends, paste them (the clippings, not the friends) on pieces of card board and hand them round. There are more ways than one.

It costs something to be a Socialist in some countries. How little we in America know of the heroism of our comrades in Russia, for instance, and of the actual risk of life that their fidelity to duty imposes upon them! Events which in this country would be worth columns on columns in the press, are dismissed with but a few words. Something of what is going on may be imagined after reading this.

Milwaukee Socialists are already planning excursions to Racine and Sheboygan, where the comrades will hold festivities. Unfortunately the dates conflict. The Racine picnic will take place Sunday, August 16, and the Tripstall-Kuddehuddel fair at Sheboygan on Aug. 13, 14, 15, and 16. Efforts will be made to get reduced rates to Sheboygan, and a trolley party will be arranged to Racine. The Milwaukee picnic showed what such events do to foster comradeship, and we cannot afford to miss any of them. The comrades from both these places came to Milwaukee in large numbers. Let Milwaukee reciprocate. A special meeting of the city branches will be called to take the matter up. Watch daily papers for announcement.

In Haverhill, Mass., the great shoe manufacturing city, where the Socialists got so strong that they took possession of the city and spoiled capitalism's many bloodsucking grafting schemes, the Republicans and Democrats combined at the last election, BUT THE SOCIALISTS BEAT THEM EVEN THEN! That city now has a Socialist mayor. The same thing happened in the city of Brockton, Mass. It will be repeated all over the United States. And another thing, if you please. The next congressional election will send quite a number of Social Democrats to congress, and for the first time in the history of this great land of the people, the people's own interests will be shouted forth there and capitalism actually fought. Then you will begin to see fun! The German reichstag won't be in it.

Even ex-Secy. Long of the Navy has noticed it. He says: "We are living in an age of Socialism, as I understand Socialism, no fanatics and no millionaires, but I do believe in and trust in the judgment of the good everyday people of this country to work out these problems." Long seems, if he really speaks his mind, to be a capitalist with a democratic mind, something unusual for a Republican, who as a rule believe in paternalism, i. e., that the people are not smart enough to run their own country, but that the smart men in broadcloth are the only ones with the necessary brains.

The editor of the Milwaukee Free Press says: "Mother Jones, the Pennsylvania spirit of evil, who started to march from Philadelphia to New York several days ago at the head of several hundred textile strikers, collected and sent back \$500 to the strikers at home. If the members of the army had been at home and at work during the time since they hit the trail for New York, they would have earned a dozen times that amount of money."

By parity of reasoning all the men who fought in the war to put down chattel slavery in this nation ought to have stayed at home instead of being a burden on the government for support. We can understand very well that such efforts as that of Mother Jones to hold child labor up to public shame is distressing for the capitalists for whom the Free Press editor is spokesman, not because the plan is visionary and foreclosed to failure, but because of their class hostility to anything tending to embarrass the divine right of capital to fleece babes as well as adult workers.

THE NEGRO QUESTION.

Eugen V. Dobe gives his Estimate of Booker Washington and Points the Only Solution for the Workers, White or Black.

The following letter has been received from the editor of the Indianapolis World:

"The World is investigating industrial conditions among colored people. Booker T. Washington advocates industrial education for the Negro. Is the attitude of our labor unions toward black labor compatible with the teachings of Washington? The World is a colored newspaper and would like to publish your views. * * *"

To this letter there was attached a clipping from the World containing an article from Mr. D. M. Parry, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, in answer to the same question, the burden of which was that organized labor is a trust and that a majority of its members are opposed to the colored workingmen, especially in reference to the teachings of Washington. His arraignment of organized labor closed with the following remarkable paragraphs: "Mr. Washington is doing more than merely teaching his fellow Negroes: he is emancipating them from artificial conditions that act as a bar to their progressive development as a race. * * * "Driven from the opportunity of learning to be artisans in the shops, their only hope is the technical schools such as Washington conducts." * * * "The chief hope of the younger generation of whites is also the technical school."

First, let me say that all my life I have opposed discrimination, political, economic, or social, against any human being, on account of color or sex, regarding all such as relics of the ignorant, cruel and barbarous past.

Next there was a time when organized labor in the main was hostile to the Negro, and it must be admitted in all candor that certain unions, such as the railroad brotherhoods, still ignorantly guard the trades they represent, as well as their unions, against invasion by the colored man, and in this they have always had the active support of the corporation whose interest it is to have workingmen at each other's throats, that they may keep them all, black and white, in subjection.

Indeed, it is a fact, that wherever labor unions, now or in the past, opposed the Negro, such opposition was inspired, or at least encouraged by the employing class represented by Mr. Parry, who now seeks so assiduously to place the responsibility on the poor ignorant dupe of the capitalistic master.

At Montgomery, Ala., some years ago, a riot was almost precipitated at the instigation of the "upper class," because the labor union under whose auspices I spoke, proposed the admission of Negroes to the opera house, on the floors reserved for white people, and the proprietor of the house declared that the house should be burnt to the ground before any "damned nigger" should have access to it.

The convention of the American Railway Union which resulted in the great railroad strike of 1894, after a fierce and protracted debate, turned down the Negro and it was one of the factors in our defeat. The leaders of the opposition, as I remember them, proved subsequently to have been traitors to the union, sent to the convention, doubtless, at the instigation of the corporations to defeat the unity of the working class.

But in spite of all such influence, the labor movement in general, in America and throughout the world, stands unequivocally committed to receive and treat the Negro upon terms of absolute equality with his white brother, and where this is not the case the genius of unionism is violated and investigation will disclose the fact that corporate power and its henchmen are at the back of it.

The Socialists, who represent the political wing of the labor movement, are absolutely free from color prejudice, and the labor union, the economic wing, is rapidly becoming so, and in the next few years not a trace of it will remain even in the so-called black belt of the Southern States.

The workers of the world, mainly through organized effort, are becoming conscious of their interests as a class, totally regardless of color, creed or sex, and in time they will unite and act together upon a common basis of equality in spite of "the world, the flesh, and the devil," and the Manufacturers' Association.

The hypocritical plea of the industrial master for the education "of the poor Negro while he is living 'out' of his labor," deceives no one except the ignorant and servile victims of the wage-system.

THE FIRST REQUISITE, MR. PARRY, IN ELEVATING THE NEGRO IS TO GET OFF HIS BACK.

Will Mr. Parry and his class pretend that their practice accords with their preaching? If they actually believe that the Negro is entitled to equal consideration with the white man why do they not set the example by meeting and treating him as their brother?

This is my conviction as a "union" man, and I have the consistency and courage to practice it. Until Mr. Parry and his class do the same, no intelligent Negro will be deceived by their professions of friendship.

Now as to Mr. Booker T. Washington and the attitude of organized labor toward his scheme of industrial education.

Your question implies that you look upon Mr. Washington as the Moses of the black race and his educational scheme as the sure means of their emancipation.

To answer your question candidly, I feel gratified to be able to say that Mr. Washington's scheme is not at all compatible with organized labor.

Mr. Washington is backed by the plutocrats of the country clear up, or down, to Grover Cleveland. They furnish the means that support his Institute, and if it were conducted with a view of opening the Negro's eyes and emancipating him from the system of wage-slavery which robs and debases him while it fattens his masters, not another dollar would be subscribed for the Negro's "industrial education."

Why is it that the plutocrats, the trust magnates of the country, are solidly in favor of Mr. Washington and his scheme?

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What International Socialism Demands:

1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations.
2. Democratic management of such collective industry.
3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.
5. The inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 18 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

If you believe in the above vote with the Social Democrats.

Military Despotism Is Upon Us!

From letters received, and other evidences, it is plain that many of the trade unionists and Socialists of this country do not yet comprehend the full enormity of the military law passed by the recent congress and promptly and triumphantly signed by the only Roosevelt.

Under the military law hitherto existing the state troops were under the sole charge of the governors of those states. The president of the United States, or the commander of the regular army could not interfere with the governor's right to direct them. In fact the president was obliged to wait until the governor of a state found himself unable with the guardsmen under his control to cope with emergencies, real or fancied, within his state, and until said governor asked to have help from the regular army.

This wasn't always adhered to, it is true, as for instance when Cleveland sent the government troops to Illinois, over the protest of Gov. Altgeld, during the big Debs strike of 1894—but we hardly expect the master class to obey the laws, anyway, the laws were not made for them!

The great trouble with the old arrangement, from the capitalistic standpoint, was that the troops of a state often mutinied when ordered out in times of strikes and commanded to shoot down their fellow citizens. They hated to shoot the people they knew. Capitalism reasoned, not without cause, that if these state troops could be sent into other states where they are among strangers, they would be more ready to commit legalized murder!

Quite a little of this sort of trouble was experienced during the recent great coal strike. The soldiers sympathized with the strikers.

THE CAPITALISTS ARE BRUTALLY FRANK ABOUT IT. "IF THERE HAD BEEN A MORE LIBERAL EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION IN PENNSYLVANIA," SAYS THE FINANCIAL RECORD, "THERE WOULD BE AT THE PRESENT TIME NO LABOR PROBLEM WORTH SPEAKING OF IN THIS COUNTRY!"

So a military bill was quietly drafted. Owning the press of the country, this devilish assault on the people's liberties was put through by capitalism and the people kept in ignorance of it. Even the lobby of the American Federation of Labor at Washington, rendered sleepy by the Hanna-Gompers Civic Federation opiate, did not sound the alarm. Not until after the "hero" of the toy battle known as the Capture of San Juan Hill had signed the bill and made it a law, were the people allowed to know about it.

Now what is the new law? Boiled down into simple language, it is as follows:

Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States, and every foreigner who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, shall be considered members of the militia. They are divided into two classes: the organized militia, to be known as the NATIONAL GUARD of the state or territory they reside in; and the rest to be known as the RESERVE MILITIA.

The organization, armament and discipline of the National Guard shall be THE SAME AS THAT PRESCRIBED FOR THE REGULAR ARMY, WITH IN FIVE YEARS OF THE PASSAGE OF THE LAW!

Whenever the country is invaded, or in danger of invasion, or there is REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY, the president can call out such part of the state troops as he needs, for a period of not longer than nine months, to enable him to execute the laws, etc., or to issue such ORDERS TO THE OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA "as he may think proper!"

Any person within the prescribed age refusing or neglecting to answer the call of the president will be subject to military court martial, and SHOT OR OTHERWISE PUNISHED, AS MAY BE DECIDED.

When acting under the president's command the state troops will be UNDER THE SAME RULES AS THE REGULAR ARMY.

The law directs the Secretary of War to issue, on demand of the proper officers, such guns, belts, and other necessary implements of murder as are required for the United States army.

The above is a true abridgement of the new law. Under it every citizen is a soldier under control of the president, under one man. Whenever capitalism is ready to venture a military despotism in this country, the laws will not have to be changed.

The laboring class is nicely cornered. The manufacturers are organizing and becoming more and more aggressive. Capitalism is becoming a world power. It will brook no interference with its aims. It proposes to have its profits in increasing ratio and to make them out of underpaid labor.

At the time of the great strike of 1894, when it looked as if the workers would win, the rulers of the country were on the verge of declaring martial law. This would have made Debs and his lieutenants "traitors to the government" and the plan was to then take them out on the lake front and shoot them down as political enemies of the country.

Great labor battles are impending, no one can doubt that. With the new military law the people may be goaded and lashed into a new and horrible French Revolution.

That they will not submit to be slaves shorn of the right to revolt against oppression, we are confident.

Last week we published an interview with Eugene V. Debs in an Indiana paper, in which he administered a deserved rebuke to a military officer who claimed that the race riots in Evansville, Ind., were led by Socialists. A capitalistic sheet of Terre Haute sought to make capital out of this by charging Debs with slandering the "soldier boys." Here is his rejoinder, taken from the Terre Haute Gazette:

"I don't believe there is any indignation among the soldiers because I represented a false and slanderous charge of one of their officers, but if there is I have no apology to make for it; and if the shoe fits any of us for whom it was not intended they have my full consent to wear it."

"The case in a nutshell is this: Captain Dudley, returning from Evansville, where he had charge of his company, made the broad, unqualified statement, as his interview will show, that the recent riots and murders in Evansville were instigated by Socialists and that they were responsible for these bloody crimes. I deny this charge as absolutely false and without even a shadow of truth to sustain it."

"It so happens that I personally know the Socialists of Evansville and it also happens that I have quite recently been there and that I am familiar with the causes and conditions which culminated in the deplorable tragic events of a few days ago. Not a single Socialist was implicated, directly or indirectly, and any intimation to the contrary is untrue and does violence to the facts. This paper refers to the charge of Captain Dudley that the ringleaders of the mob at Evansville were Socialists. Let this paper

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THE BEAST OF CAPITALISM

And the Bedlam of Crime, Duplicity, Exploitation and Immorality that it Rules.



The Face of Civilization is Blotted and Seamed with Wrong Triumphant, in order that this Creature may have Full Sway. Beneath the Ever Present Social Insanity that this Beast produces, is the Working Class, Sweating, Groaning and Never Resting, to Pay for it All!

"The private ownership of the tools and sources of production cannot and ought not to bring forth anything but a world of insanity, brutality and falsehood—this wild and deranged world, this sodden and vampire world, of capitalism and devastated life." —Dr. Herron.

The Great Picnic at Milwaukee.

IT BREAKS THE RECORD. — A RINGING CALL TO DUTY BY DEBS. — GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND PERFECT WEATHER.

The monster picnic of the Social Democrats of Wisconsin, held at Schlitz Park, Milwaukee, last Sunday, was a remarkable event. Most of all it emphasized beyond the possibility of dispute the great growth of Socialism in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. During the afternoon it looked as if Milwaukee was out on an immense, and besides there were the Socialist excursionists from the cities out in the state, over 1,000 of them according to the figures given by the railroads. A conservative estimate of the total attendance places it between eight and nine thousand. Just to show that this is not a boast, it may be stated that, although tickets had been sent each Wisconsin reader of The Herald, had been circulated throughout the city factories, the state branches, unions, etc., the supply of 3,000 tickets furnished the gate ticket offices was exhausted within two hours after the gates opened, and had to be replenished from headquarters. The man that had the ice cream privilege sold forty-six gallons of ice cream, which was all he could secure, and declared it the largest business done at the park this year. The daily papers failed to agree on their estimates. The German Herald put the figure at ten thousand, the Free Press at six thousand, and the Sentinel at five thousand, both the latter being palable under counts in spite of which the doubting city editor of the Sentinel telephoned the manager of the park to know if it was possible that so many people were there. He was told that that was a low estimate. Comrade Eugene V. Debs spoke in the open air from the music shell to a crowd vast enough to stagger an ordinary speaker, but his voice carried splendidly and there were few indeed who did not catch the greater part of what he said. It was a noble and an inspiring effort, a call to duty that quickened the pulse and called forth tumultuous applause and fervent assent. The speaker was preceded by some inspiring songs by the Socialist Maennerchor of Milwaukee, which is made up largely of the old Socialists who for years laid the foundations for the solid, uncompromising movement that now exists in Milwaukee. To their unwavering fidelity in the years when Socialism was more than unpopular, is due the fact that Wisconsin has the most substantial Socialist development in the entire country. Comrade William E. Arnold, of Typographical No. 23, presided. Comrade Debs said, in part:

"According to the Divine decree, it is frequently said that a large percentage of men must go through life as drawers of water and hewers of wood. It is a ghastly lie upon nature. Every human being has a soul and has the elements within him to attain to and enjoy the beautiful and good things of the world."

"Carnegie is called the steel king. I accept the title, but would change the spelling of steel and make it 't-e-a-l.' By his own labor he couldn't make enough steel for a cambridge needle. He is now spending money with a lavish hand in providing libraries for those he robbed. Each of his libraries is cemented with the blood and sweat of crucified children of toil. One word above each library would tell the whole story—'Homestead.' Carnegie has scattered \$100,000,000 abroad, but every penny was wrought from you. He still has so much left that he is overcome."

"It will hardly do to say the police force of Evansville do not know who were the ringleaders of the mob. This would be a still sadder commentary on the municipal mismanagement of that city. I am quite sure that if there had been a Socialist among them he would have been known and his name expiated as a horrible example throughout the country. This paper refers to the charge of Captain Dudley that the ringleaders of the mob at Evansville were Socialists. Let this paper

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The Racine delegation came in on the interurban road with two big special cars. They made a striking picture as they came marching in at the park, with their handsome red badges.

The paper badges bearing the features of Debs, which were printed in ten thousand lots, were to be seen everywhere about the Milwaukee streets. They were a distinctive badge, easily recognized, and were very serviceable.

The Sheboygan delegation numbered over 200. The railway people at Sheboygan tried to get them packed into the regular train, but it was an impossibility, and time was lost while an extra coach was secured. Quite a lunch of Socialists came in from Monroe. Beloit was largely represented. The Beloit comrades chartered a trolley train to take them to Janesville.

Chicago was well represented. There was Comrade Corinne Brown, Comrade Jacob Winnen, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunt (Gertrude Breslau Hunt), and several representatives of the earlier German Socialists of that city.

Michigan was represented by none less than Comrade W. L. Benessi of Kalamazoo, Utah sent Comrade Kate S. Hillier of Ogden, the former state secretary. Another Herald reader, Comrade Frank J. Rudy of Orangeville, Ills., mingled in the joyous throng. Comrade Chas. A. Plante, now of Chicago, but formerly of Hayton, Wis., was another who participated in the festivities.

An interesting conference of elected Socialist officials of Wisconsin was held Saturday evening at the residence of the editor of The Herald, 450 Jackson street. Mayor Born, the Socialist aldermen and Socialist appointees were present from Sheboygan, and Alderman Zander of Plymouth, Alderman Kaufman of Kenosha, State Secy. Thomas, National Committeeman Berger, and others to the number of about twenty. Various questions, such as the Socialist attitude toward franchises and the like, were discussed with great profit, and the meeting lasted till midnight. Such conferences should be held often.

Emperor William created a political cyclone in Germany the other day, when he declared that the time had come to stem the march of Social Democracy. Bismarck in his day attempted the same thing, but it resulted in his being wrapped in his political winding sheet. When William is dead and damned, Social Democracy will still be marching on.

"I would have given five years of my life, and would have it cut off now if Karl Marx could be brought back to life to see three million votes cast for Socialism."

A shout went up as the great labor leader and Socialist ceased speaking, a shout of uncontrollable enthusiasm mingled with cries of "Go on!" "Go on!" And as the crowd broke up and spread out about the park it presented a seething mass of heads that would have defied even the snap-shot artists. Comrade Debs was surrounded by eager admirers awaiting their turn to clasp hands with him. The enthusiasm was unbounded.

It was midnight before the crowd broke up. Everybody went home happy and tired.

NOTES.

The policemen who travel the Schlitz Park beat said it was the most orderly picnic they had seen. The crowd was vast, but the behavior beyond criticism.

There were some unfortunate and unforeseen features. The dining room was unequal to the demands made upon it. It could have taken care of an ordinary picnic crowd in good shape, but the crush of Sunday was beyond its possibilities, although skirmishes for provender were sent out over the city to recruit its larder.

The establishment of a downtown headquarters was a happy stroke on the part of the arrangement committee. Delegations were met at the trains and boats and made acquainted with each other at the headquarters. The register shows page after page of names more or less well known to the movement at large.

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Town Topics by the Town Crier.

Give the so-called "United Labor" carnival a wide berth. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has denounced it, and the Federated Trades Council has declared it to be an enemy to organized labor. If the Milwaukee Sentinel wants to insult self-respecting organized labor by going into a deal with the fakirs the crime will be upon its own head. Keep the children away from such an immoral exhibition.

That the daily press of this country is owned and controlled by capitalism, is of course not news, but a good illustration of the fact was furnished in connection with the Social Democratic picnic of last Sunday. There were nearly nine thousand people present, but the Sentinel's account put the figure at five thousand, and when the reporter wrote it five the editor couldn't believe that there were so many people in attendance at a socialistic picnic and had to telephone out to Schlitz Park to see if his reporter wasn't exaggerating!

Now note the difference! Monday night the horse (and donkey) show opened at the Exposition. The "quality" of Milwaukee was there, the boxes were reserved for capitalists, the Sentinel said there were four thousand people present (which is an over-statement) AND THE SENTINEL GAVE UP FOUR PAGES, MORE OR LESS, TO TELLING ABOUT IT, besides various pictures! Figured on the same basis the Social Democratic picnic would have deserved a write-up of almost the entire paper! And the Socialists represent a vital and a world saving movement, while the horse show represents decay and the tendencies that are spoiling our civilization and that may actually plunge that civilization into chaos. Does the daily press represent the people or the plates? It doesn't take long to decide.

Milwaukee Picnic Ticket Receipts.

Comrades are requested to make remittances for Picnic tickets early so as not to rush and confusion toward the latter end.

Previously reported.....\$35.60

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Chas. Waltzer, city.....1.00
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B. J. Rein, Green Bay.....1.00
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Fred. Rehbein, city.....1.00
H. P. Newman, Racine.....1.00
Unknown.....1.00
J. Reidenbach, city.....1.00
Herm. Gahel, Fond du Lac.....1.00
A. Hall, Jauhi, city.....1.00
Louis Hoberg, S. Milwaukee.....1.00
Wm. Mann, city.....1.00
Carl Newbold, city.....1.00
John Rechlin, city.....1.00
Nick Petersen, city.....1.00
W. J. Jameson, city.....1.00
J. Edw. Lawson, city.....1.00
Frank Meining, Appleton.....1.00
Mrs. Mary Thompson, New London.....1.00
Math. Haertel (M. H.), city.....1.00
Unknown.....1.00
Gus. C. Voigt, Waukesha.....1.00
Wm. Zimmerman, city.....1.00
T. M. Watson, Whitewater.....1.00
Wm. Lasosky, city.....1.00
John Muerklein, city.....1.00
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Wm. Schulz, Pt. Washington.....1.00
J. Hirsch, city.....1.00
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Wm. Hulidorf, city.....1.00
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